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LETTER DATED 15 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 1 to 10 February 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation and in order to drop heat flares.

1 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi, Shatrah and Busayyah.

2 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Shaqlawah, Sinjar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

- At 1310 hours on 3 February 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at

an altitude of 20,000 m over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah and Artawi. It departed at 1415 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

4 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

5 February 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 5 February 1994.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman and Artawi.

6 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Shaqlawah, Aqrah and Rawandoz.

(b) Southern region: 76 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jabayish, Busayyah, Artawi, Jalibah and Salman.

- At 1203 hours on 6 February 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qal'at Sukkar and Busayyah. It departed at 1440 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

7 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, the area south of Diwaniyah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

- At 1444 hours on 7 February 1994, a hostile aircraft dropped three heat flares on the Ba'shiqah area in Ninawa Governorate.

8 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Irbil and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Busayyah and Jalibah.

9 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi and Salman.

- At 1032 hours on 9 February 1994, a hostile aircraft dropped a heat flare to the south of the Qush area in Ninawa Governorate.

- At 1231 hours on 9 February 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Shatrah, Rifa'i, the area south of Najaf, Diwaniyah, Samawah, Shanafiyah and Rumaythah. It departed at 1500 hours, heading in the direction of Hafr al-Batin in Saudi Arabia.

10 February 1994

(a) Northern region: 35 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern area: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Qurnah, Artawi, Basra and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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